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INFORMATION ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The City of Los Angeles established the Department of Environmental Quality on June 21, 1972.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is City Council controlled under the management of a General Manager, Mr. Jack Green. He is charged with the overseeing and implementation of the ordinance through which the DEQ was established.

The duties and responsibilities of the DEQ as outlined in the ordinance include:

1. Developing goals, policies and programs for the protection and improvement of the City's environmental quality;
2. Identifying significant environmental quality problems and recommending possible solutions;
3. Representing the environmental interests of the City before other governmental agencies;
4. Formulating standards for the preservation and enhancement of the quality of the City's environment;
5. Enforcing those elements of the environmental program for which the City has jurisdiction;
6. Receiving and reviewing citizen complaints concerning matters of environmental quality;
7. Investigating activities outside City government which may cause a significant adverse effect upon the quality of the environment of the City; and,
8. Maintaining a depository of environmental impact reports, and related environmental documents, i.e., Notices of Completion, Notices of Determination and Negative Declarations.

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City department initiating a project or activity which may have significant environmental effects must submit an environmental impact report (EIR) to the DEQ for review by staff specialists. The EIR's shall follow State and City guidelines which are available at DEQ for inspection.

The DEQ is empowered to investigate activities both public and private which may have significant environmental effects upon the City's environmental quality. With respect to City departmental activities, the DEQ may issue a stop order against activities which are deemed to have significant environmental effects, or request the preparation of an environmental impact report.

The DEQ employs specialists in air quality, solid waste management, land use planning and acoustics.

For further information, please phone (213) 485-4242.

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